

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 18-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected Group. Rejoinder of claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 18-21 is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claim 12 is amended to clarify ambiguities. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Gray during the March 24, 2004 interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that during the interview, the examined claims overcome the applied art of record. Regarding ambiguities from the recited features that were discussed during the interview, Applicants amend claim 12 to correct informalities, accordingly.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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